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Light Bulb Plant (Lampagyar) in Budapest. The report lists the various administrative departments and production sections of the plant and gives the number of employees and the names of some of the important personnel. The report also names some of the types of machinery at the plant and lists some of the products being manufactured in 1951. It also gives the tasks of the experimental shop at that time as a) developing and testing new weapons, b) experimenting on the physics of projectiles, and c) preparing special personal weapons for prominent Soviet statesmen and Hungarian sport celebrities.

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Lamp Factory, Budapest.

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Enterprise Number 3009, later the Lamp Factory (Lampagyar),
158 Soroksari-ut, Budapest.

This factory was formed out of the former Frommer Weapons and Machine
Factory which was divided into two factories:

- a) the part of the factory towards the town became the Lamp Factory,
- b) the part of the factory away from town became the Metal Goods and
(Fémáru és Szerszámgyár)
Machine Tool Factory; this latter figured in a report several years ago.

3./ Parts of the factory:

Administration: leaders, planning department, control ~~auditing~~⁶
department (directly subordinate to the Ministry of Interior, performed
defensive tasks; part of the frequently changed members [of this department]
worked in the various work areas without attracting attention in order to
watch the workers), calculations department, plant committee, pay roll,
personnel department, and cadre department.

Other parts: Party office; Tool manufacturing plant; Gauge department;
Smith shop; Metal-cutting shop; Press shop; Tempering shop; Galvanizing;
Metal polishing; Screw shop; Volume processing shop; Test firing; Weapons
assembly; Apprentice school and shop; Cabinet work shop; Electrician;
Brick work, carpenter, and maintenance details; and Experimental shop.

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4./ Personnel:

Director in chief, Kalman HORVATH (former metal smith [redacted])

Communist Party, [redacted] Production chief and chief of a factory

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section (munitions), Ferenc BAGAMERI [redacted] an

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old specialist); Chief of factory section for civilian production,

Kalman BARTOS [redacted] a social thinker.

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Clerical and engineering staff, about 700 persons. Worker staff, around 4,300, 30 percent women.

5./ Shifts:

Some sections work two shifts, others work one.

6./ The mechanical equipment is in general outmoded. There are the following types of machines in the volume processing shop: milling machines, rifleing machines, tube drills, head [crowning ?] mills, machine drills.

7./ Products in 1951:

7.62-mm pistol (for army); 6.35-mm Belgian-type pistol (for police); 16 and 20 [gauge] hunting guns; hurricane lamps (primarily for export); engine parts, sent to Csepel engine factory as semi-finished products; oil lamps; and oil stoves.

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10./ Raw materials: [from] Ozd, Dunapentele, and the USSR (of inferior quality).

11./ Security:

- a) A factory guard of 40 men (black uniforms, carbines).
- b) A fire department of 12 men with handcart.
- c) The gatekeeper and a fireman asked those entering for their papers.

12./ Concerning the experimental shop:

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At that time, a total of three persons worked [redacted] in the hermetically-sealed experimental shop. All were party members and had been classified as trustworthy.

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The mission of the shop was:

- a) to test new weapons and accessories of weapons; for example, they worked on developing an anti-aircraft ~~armor~~ machine gun mount ~~armor~~ to be put on a tank, on the turret.
- b) experiments on projectiles (physics thereof).
- c) preparation of special personal weapons; for example, for leading Soviet statesmen and for Hungarian sport celebrities.

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